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FLM 5577-1 Scientific Writing in English for International Publication: From Text to Context
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Formality (answer key)

A. Underline the words/ expressions in text A that correspond to the words in **bold** in text B:

A	B
I heard they've been (1) looking into cases in the States where (3) someone has gone to prison for a crime they didn't actually commit. And what they've found is that about half of all those cases were down to (2) people making mistakes with forensic evidence. How shocking is that?	Following a thorough (1) **investigation**, it has been found that (2) **faulty interpretation** of forensic evidence has contributed to approximately half of all (3) **wrongful convictions** in the US in recent years.

B. Choose expressions from the list to replace the underlined words.

The popularity of camera phones has made it (1) more and more (2)tricky to prevent (3)people from (4) taking photos of (5) things they (6) shouldn't record, (7)e.g. military equipment. (8) But now (9)there's a system that can (10) find out any camera phones and (11)send out rays of light to (12)mess up any pictures they take.	(10)detect (2)difficult (12)distort (11)emit (7) for example (8)however,	(5)images (1)increasingly (4) photographing (6) should not (3)subjects (9) there is

C. Rewrite the following items as passive constructions, making the necessary changes.

1. The North Star was used as a navigation aid.
2. Venus can be seen in the middle of the day.
3. Smoking was outlawed in public places in 2003.
4. A new galaxy has been found circling the Milky Way./
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5. The tests were repeated a year later.

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2. It is thought that volcanic eruptions may have destroyed the dinosaurs.
3. It is known that exercise can reverse many symptoms of ageing.
4. It has been found that sun bathing is addictive.
5. It might be argued that sending young offenders to jail is counterproductive.

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